

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph on page 3, lines 5-14, and substitute therefor the following new paragraph:

--An agent for external application containing N-acetyl derivative of hydroxyproline has been used in Europe as a therapeutic agent for wound. In addition, N-acetyl derivative of hydroxyproline has been known to have a promoting action for ceramide synthesis (WO 02/6225)(~~WO 02/6255~~), a moisturizing action, a suppressive action for aging and an improving action for skin quality (Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application 80321/2002) and a promoting action for collagen synthesis (WO 00/51561) but it has not been known yet to have a preventive and therapeutic action for decubitus.--